

Superior National Forest Minimum Impact Management Tactics

Everyone on the incident has a responsibility to implement tactics and strategies that will minimize long term impacts on the ground, both in and out of the BWCA Wilderness.

This includes Command and General Staff, the Operations Section in their planning strategies and all resources on the line and in camp.

MIST Tactics in Spike Camps:

- While there may be pre-approved exceptions to BWCAW regulations for line activities, there are no exceptions “after hours in camp”.
- Protection of water resources is paramount. Use no soap in the lakes for bathing and dishes. All soaps should be used at least 150 feet from shore.
- Transport all trash out of the wilderness as frequently as possible. If a plane is coming in with supplies, utilize that same plane for trash removal. We not want a large back-haul effort at the end.
- Hang / secure all food and trash on your site when you leave for the line during the day. Keep a clean camp.
- Chainsaw use in camp is prohibited. No cutting of live vegetation on campsites. No tree removal on campsites.

Mist Tactics on the line:

- MIST tactics will be implemented on all suppression activities.
- Because of heavily damaged soils on this fire, avoid the use of straight stream water delivery from pumps and hose lays.
- Ensure that all pumps and fuel are in spill containment barriers along the waters edge.
- If conducting snag operations on or near campsites and portage trails, avoid the tendency to cut up the snags in firewood length pieces.
- Avoid suppression activity near Eagles Nests when locations are known.
- Avoid impacts on Heritage Resources. Ground disturbance to known heritage sites from line construction activities, helispot locations and mop up and holding operations must be avoided.

For other MIST Tactics, consult that section in your pocket guide.

For all of us, our actions are an opportunity to display and demonstrate responsible, professional land stewardship.

Our Wilderness Ranger’s primary mission is that of Public Safety, however they will see you on the line and in your camps to advise and assist you on BWCA Wilderness considerations. Following their lead will help you succeed in your MIST efforts.